



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All CDBG/CHIP Housing Recipients, Local Governments and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Brian Williamson, Assistant Commissioner
Community Development and Finance Division

RE: CDBG/CHIP Housing and Compliance Workshop

DATE: June 13, 2006

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs will be conducting a CDBG/CHIP Housing and Compliance Workshop from Wednesday, August 2 through Friday, August 4, 2006, at The Retreat at Lake Blackshear in the Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park on Highway US 280, located ten miles west of Cordele, Georgia. The workshop is designed to provide present recipients of CDBG and CHIP Housing grants as well as persons interested in CDBG/CHIP compliance issues and housing programs generally (including local governments, consultants and administrators) a detailed briefing on housing program requirements, housing project implementation, and CDBG/CHIP compliance issues. Other DCA program representatives will also be on hand to share new opportunities in accessibility modifications and overall single family partnership opportunities.

The workshop will be preceded on Wednesday at 8:30 am until noon with a DCA Listening Session and a presentation on CDBG Acquisition for Public Facility Projects. DCA staff will present the results of the Listening Session held in March and will be available to hear your issues/concerns/opportunities and challenges in making the programs offered by DCA's Community Development and Finance Division work for you. There is no registration fee if you are only attending the Listening and Public Facilities Sessions. Also, the minutes from the DCA Listening Session held in Macon in March are available at the DCA web site at:

http://www.dca.state.ga.us/communities/CDBG/publications/Listening_Session_Notes.doc

There is a \$100 per person registration fee for attendance at the workshop. **A late charge of \$10.00 will apply for registrations received after July 19, 2006.** All CDBG and CHIP housing recipients, potential CDBG and CHIP applicants interested in housing programs, and recipients and potential applicants that need additional assistance with CDBG and CHIP compliance issues are encouraged to have adequate representation at

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the workshop. The registration form is enclosed. (Please note that the registration fee is an eligible CDBG/CHIP administrative expense and may be paid for from your approved administrative fees.)

A block of rooms has been set-aside at The Retreat for workshop attendees. The Workshop lodging rate is \$99.00 plus tax per night. **In order to guarantee this rate, reservations must be made by July 12, 2006. For reservations, please call 1-800-459-1230 or 229-276-1004. Be sure and mention that you are attending the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Housing Workshop.** Registration for the Housing and Compliance Workshop will be held on Wednesday, August 2 from 12:00p.m. – 1:00 p.m., followed by workshop meetings until 5:00 p.m. The workshop will convene on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 5:15 p.m. The workshop will begin again on Friday at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude at 12:00 p.m.

The Retreat has a full-service restaurant offering breakfast, lunch and dinner. We will provide continental breakfast each morning and lunch on Thursday. Additional information regarding directions and activities at The Retreat at Lake Blackshear may be found at www.lakeblackshearretreat.org.

A draft agenda is attached.

Please contact Lisa Smith at (404) 679-5276 if you have questions or need assistance.

Enclosure--Registration Form

REGISTRATION FORM

**CDBG/CHIP
Housing and Compliance Workshop
August 2 – 4, 2006
The Retreat at Lake Blackshear
Cordele, Georgia**

NAME:

TITLE:

AGENCY:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

Payment for registration is by Check, Cash or Money Order

NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

*****Please make Check or Money Order payable to Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs for
the \$100.00 registration fee*****

*****If registration is not received by July 19, a \$10.00 late fee will be charged.*****

Return form to: Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Attention: Lisa Smith
60 Executive Park South
Atlanta, Georgia 30329-2231

***Note: To receive the special group rate at The Retreat at Lake Blackshear,
reservations should be made no later than July 12. Call 1-800-459-1230 or 229-276-
1004 and mention the name of the workshop.***

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August 2, 2006

8:30 – 10:15	DCA Listening Session – DCA Staff will present the results of the Listening Session held in March and be available to hear your concerns and challenges
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 12:00	Acquisition for Public Facility Projects DCA Staff

(No registration or fee required if you are only attending the morning session)

12:00 – 1:00	Registration (lunch on your own)
1:00 -- 1:15	Welcome DCA Staff
1:15 - 2:00	Update on Performance Measures – HUD's data collection requirements will affect all of us soon—especially when it comes to the new Quarterly Report format.
2:00 - 2:15	Break
2:15 – 3:15	Overview of DCA's CHIP Program DCA Staff
3:15 – 5:00	Compliance Issues DCA Staff
5:00	Adjourn

August 3, 2006

8:00 – 9:00	Continental Breakfast Provided
9:00 – 10:15	Nuts and Bolts of the Rehabilitation Process DCA Staff
10:15 – 10:30	Break

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10:30 – 11:15	Hammer and Nails of the Rehabilitation Process DCA Staff
11:15 - 12:00	DCA's New Opportunities in Accessibility Modifications DCA Staff
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch Provided
1:00 – 2:45	Preparing for Homeownership Interdisciplinary Panel
2:45 – 3:00	Break
3:00 – 3:15	Avoiding Foreclosure Interdisciplinary Panel
3:15 – 5:15	DCA's Georgia Dream Homeownership Program

August 4, 2006

8:00 – 9:00	Continental Breakfast Provided
9:00 – 10:30	Using the Tools—Planning your next CDBG/CHIP housing revitalization program Brian Williamson Steed Robinson
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:00	Q & A, Evaluations, Adjourn